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For: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF POSITIVE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR  
ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, NICKEL ELECTRODE USING THE SAME  
MATERIAL AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY USING THE SAME  
NICKEL ELECTRODE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for  
examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please substitute the following paragraphs in the specification for corresponding  
paragraphs previously presented. A copy of the amended specification paragraphs  
showing current revisions is attached.